

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2 under "Related Applications" please replace the text on lines 5-8 with the following text:

-- This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/433,184, filed December 13, 2002, entitled "Micromachined Heater for Microfluidic Devices," ~~Docket No. 02-05 (PROV) with named inventors Somenath Mitra, Minhee Kim and Durgamachhab Misra,~~ the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference. --